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Fed review of Gravina draft EIS continues

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The federal government is still reviewing the State of Alaska's Gravina Access Project draft Environmental Impact Statement. That's according to Mark Dalton, project consultant with HDR Alaska — the lead consultant on the Gravina Access Project for the state Department of Transportation.

Dalton said the Federal Highway Administration has finished its review of the document and the draft EIS now is in the hands of the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. So far, Dalton said the federal government hasn't found any "fatal flaws" that would prevent the state from moving forward with the project.

Once the Coast Guard and Corps of Engineers have reviewed the document and the state makes suggested changes, Dalton said the draft EIS will be ready for public consumption. The document should be released to the public in August, said Dalton. The highly anticipated document will include the state's preferred crossing alternative.

For more detail on this story, see Deanna Garrison's article in the July 11, 2003 edition of the Ketchikan Daily News.